

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An anti-panic mechanism comprises a lock lever displaceable between an unlocked position and a locked position, an over center spring urging the lock lever to either side of the unlocked position and locked position with a dead point, an open link displaceable between an engaging position and a non-engaging position, an output member displacing the lock lever by a motor, an anti-panic spring urging the open link toward the engaging position from the non-engaging position, a connecting lever connecting the open link to the lock lever. The connecting lever releases the open link before the lock lever crosses over the dead point of the over center spring when the output member is rotated in the unlocking direction.